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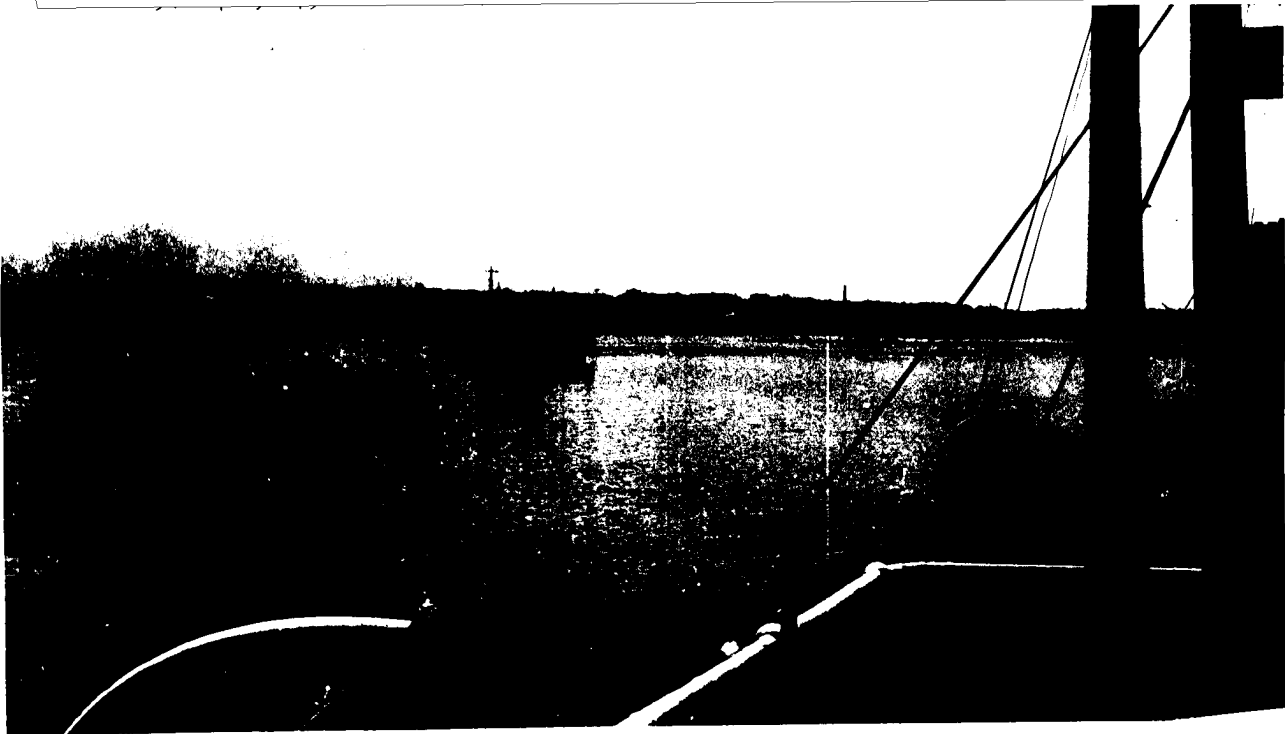
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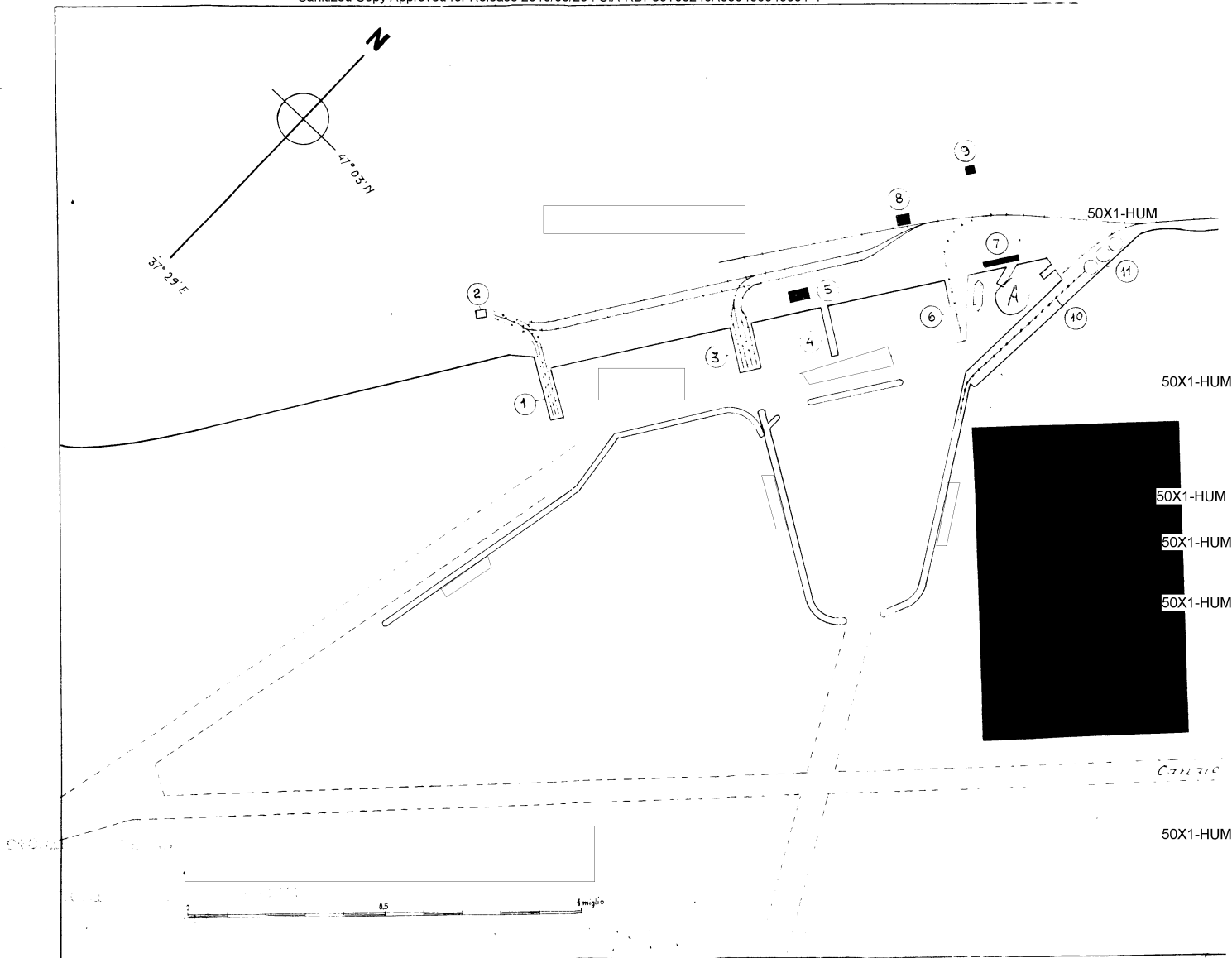
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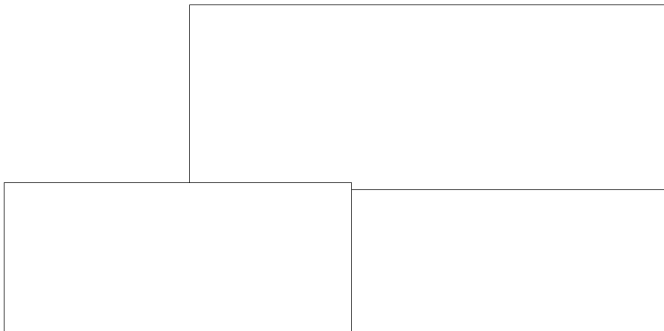
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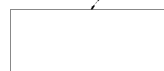
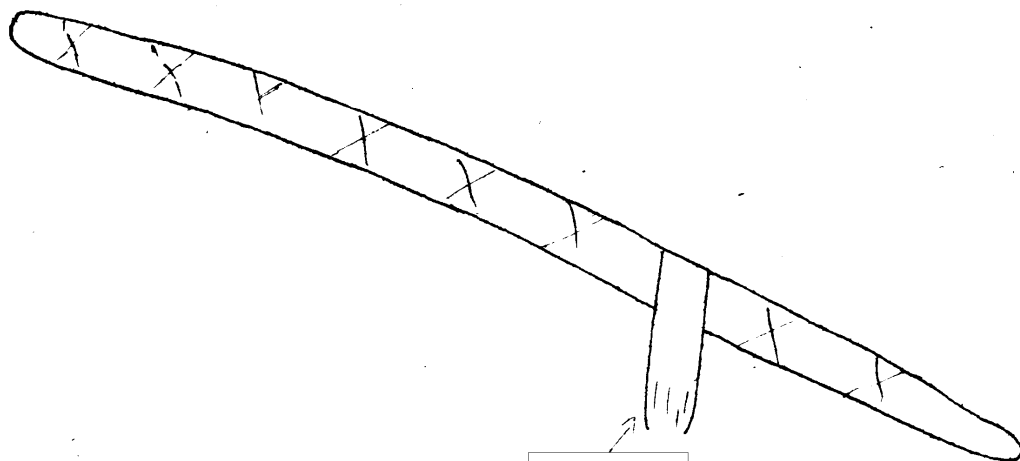
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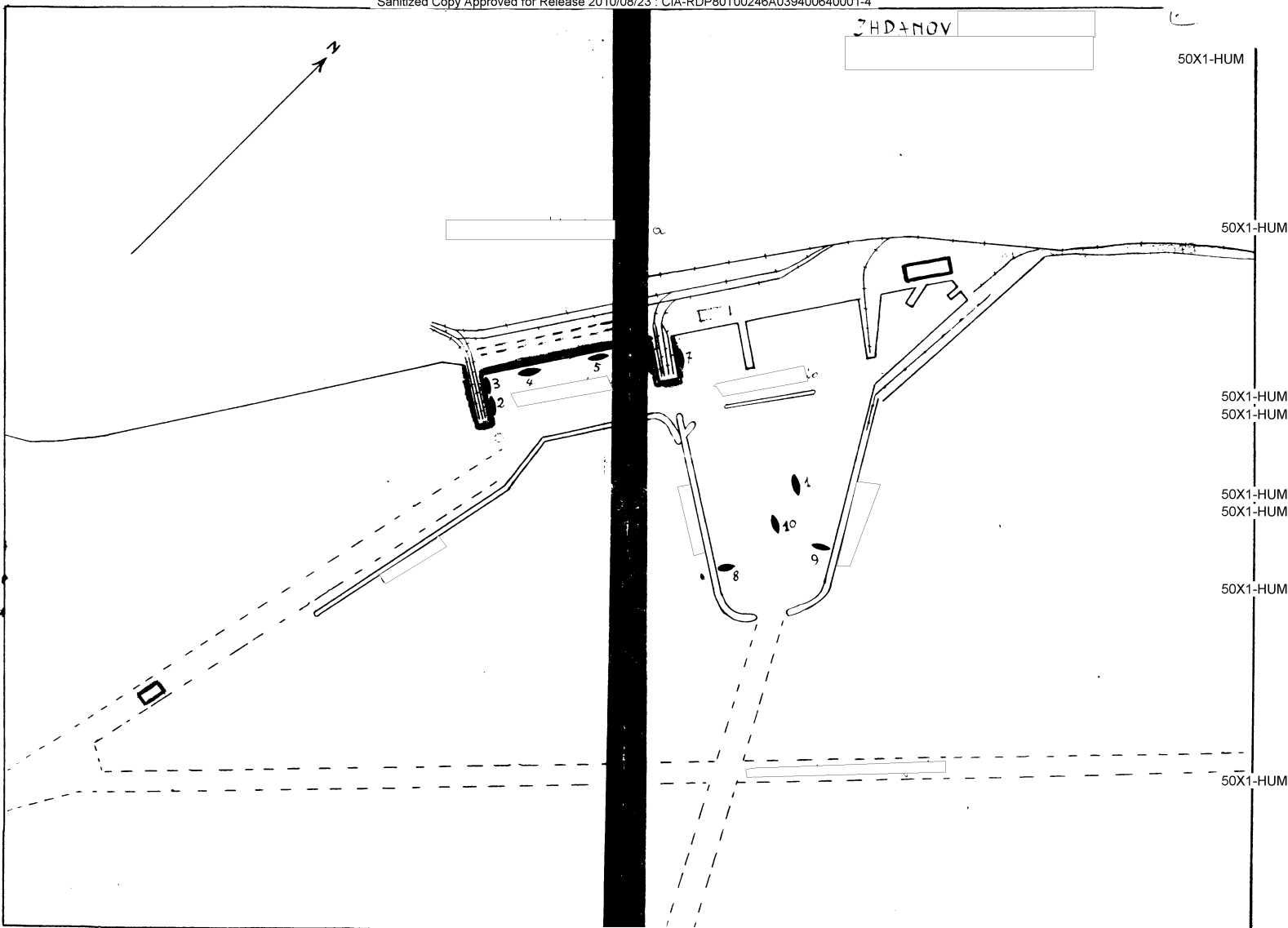
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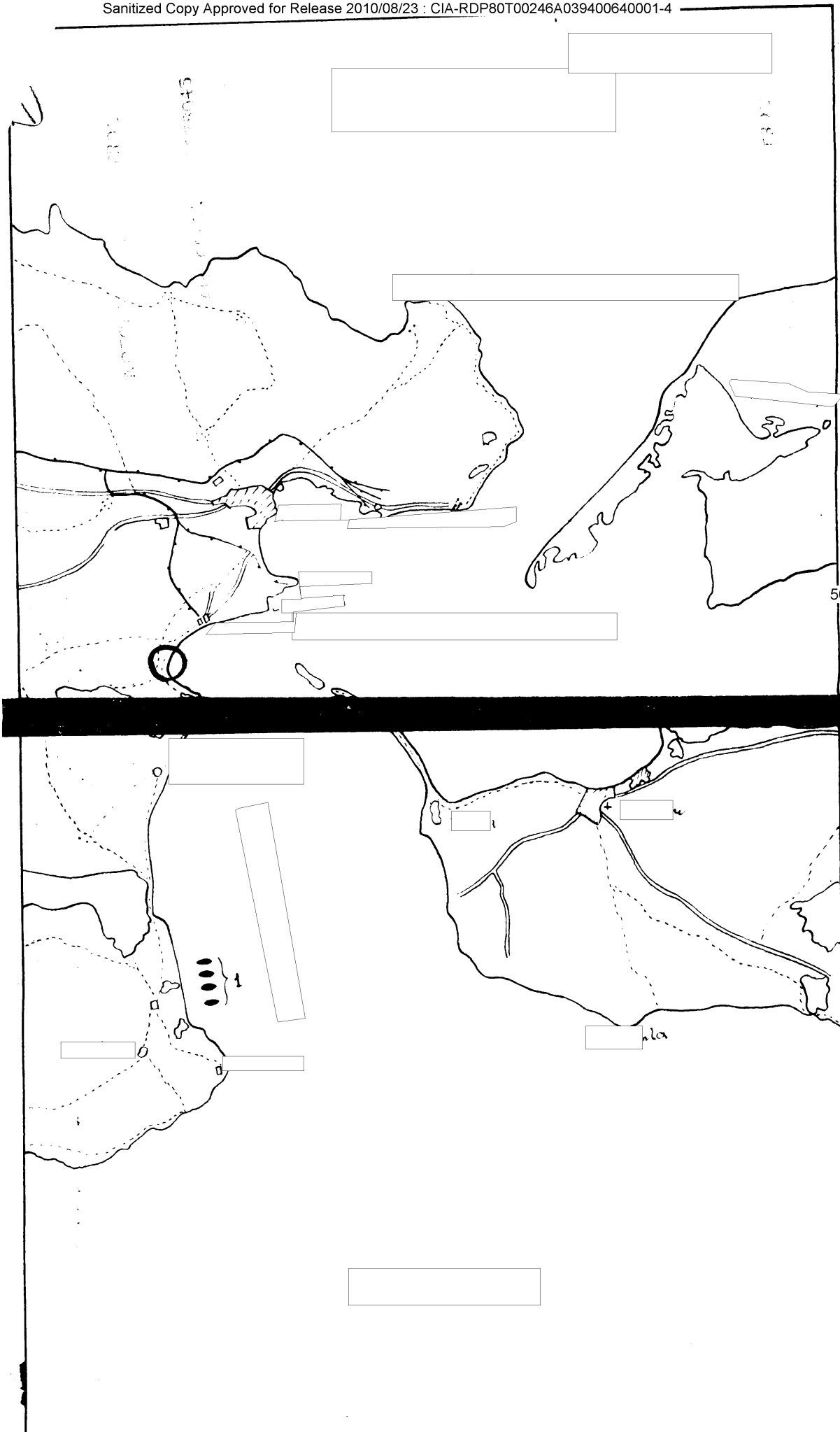


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 Kerch Canal, vicinity of Kamish Burunski Bay, *att. 4*

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Inland beyond the bay, there is a huge shipyard area, apparently equipped for the construction and repair of naval vessels.

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At approximately point (a) on the sketch (Attachment 1) there is a wharf about 500 meters long, on which may be seen a large, high shed occupying almost the entire length of the wharf. This shed blocks most of the view of the shipyard area.

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a wharf (point (b) on sketch), to which a total of 10 warships were moored, bow to. The first five appeared to belong to the Yastreb type of escort ship.

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The other five ships appeared to belong to the Kronstadt type of coastal escort ship.

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between 252° and 276° some ways (point (c) on Attachment 1), on which there were five vessels in an advanced stage of construction, arranged in single file. They appeared to be still painted in red lead. From the dimensions of the hulls they appeared to be of a type no larger than escort ships.

Point (d) on Attachment 1 indicates the approximate location of a floating dock, large enough to accommodate four vessels of the Yastreb type comfortably. When observed, it contained three naval vessels, apparently of the Yastreb class; and there was enough space remaining for another.

the shapes of the ships in the floating dock compared to the Yastreb escort ship only because those in the floating dock also had two cylindrical, straight smokestacks and an almost square bridge. However, the masting was much more complicated.

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[redacted] the dock was seen to have several rectangular openings, and three tripod masts belonging to the three ships inside could be seen above the sides of the dock. [redacted]

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[redacted] there was space left over. There were two large-capacity cranes located on the two sides of the dock.

In view of the remarkable size of the floating dock, [redacted]

[redacted] it could be used for shipbuilding as well as for repairs.

Above the shipyard area of Kamish Burunsk, it is easy to make out two conveyors, which run on long metal lattices ^{that} [redacted] are nearly horizontal. The end of the conveyors is in a place very close to the salt lake, Churubash.

[redacted] the conveyors transport debris and slag from the nearby industrial installations.

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Attachment 3 gives an idea of the two ends of the conveyors, [redacted]

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4. Supply Harbor

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[redacted] South of the Pavlovki lighthouse there are some harbor installations, to which Soviet ships from Zhdanov and Odessa bring coal, which almost certainly is used to supply the nearby industrial installations.

5. Airfield

[redacted] the following aircraft were observed on the runway of the airfield which is located between Yenikale and Kapkani: at least 12 jet fighters, type MIG-15; 12 twin-jet Super-MIG's; and 3 quadrijets resembling the IsAGI-228 twin jets, except that the tail units of the quadrijets are much larger.

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6. Searchlights

[redacted] Stationary searchlight stations were observed at Cape T. kil and at Cape Tuzla. Mobile searchlight stations were observed at Cape Yenikale and at Cape Tuzla.

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7. Rolling Stock

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Considerable rolling stock was observed in the vicinity of Blizhni Chushka, opposite Cape Yenikale. A great many freight cars were being classified there; some were loaded with coal, some covered with tarpaulins, and others were empty.

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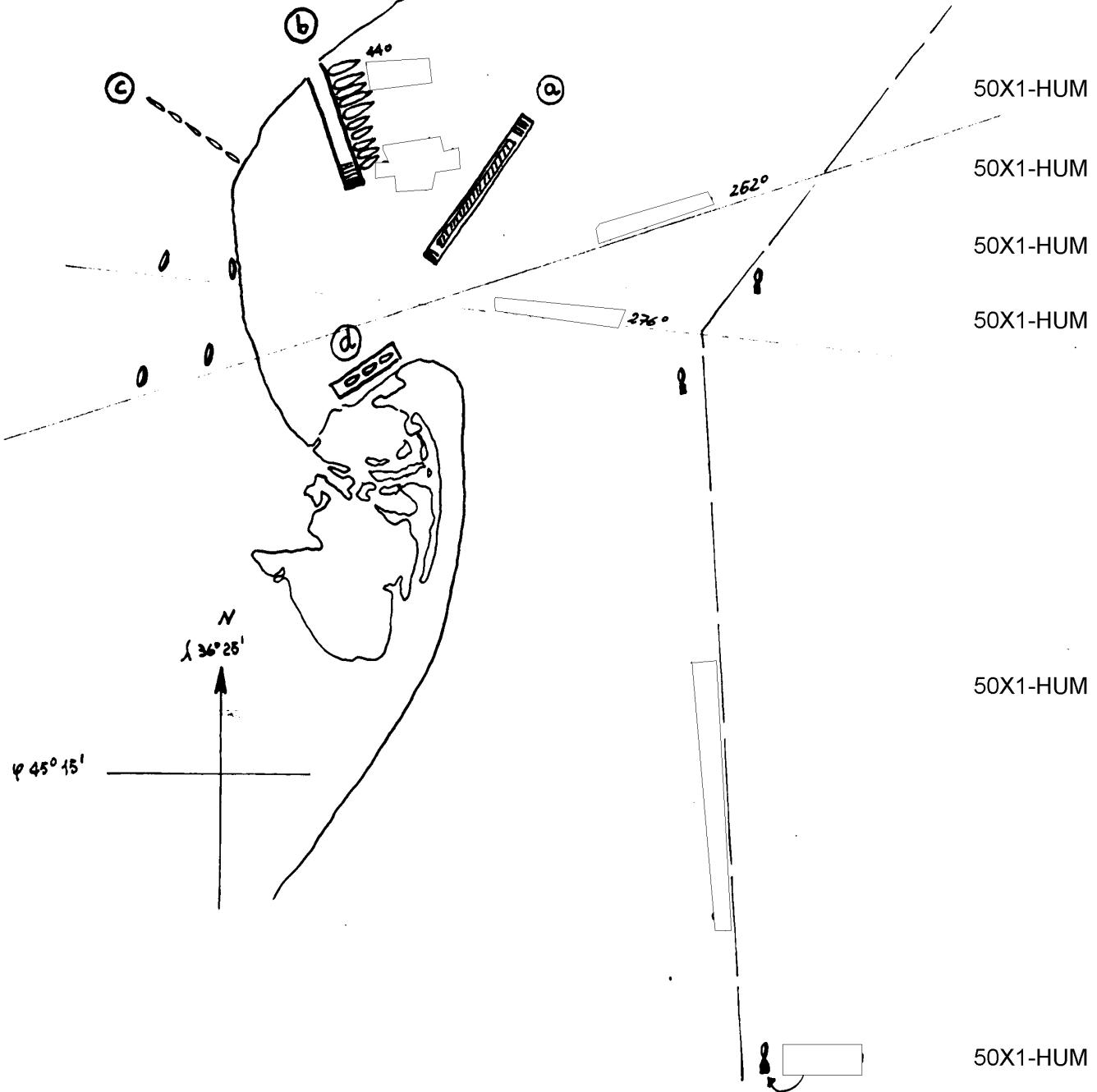
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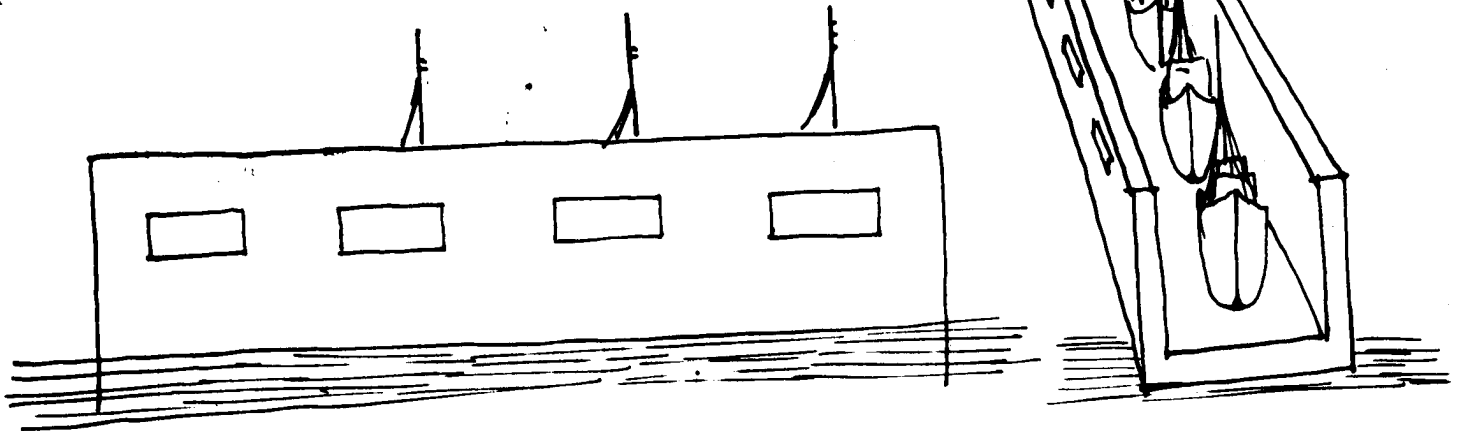
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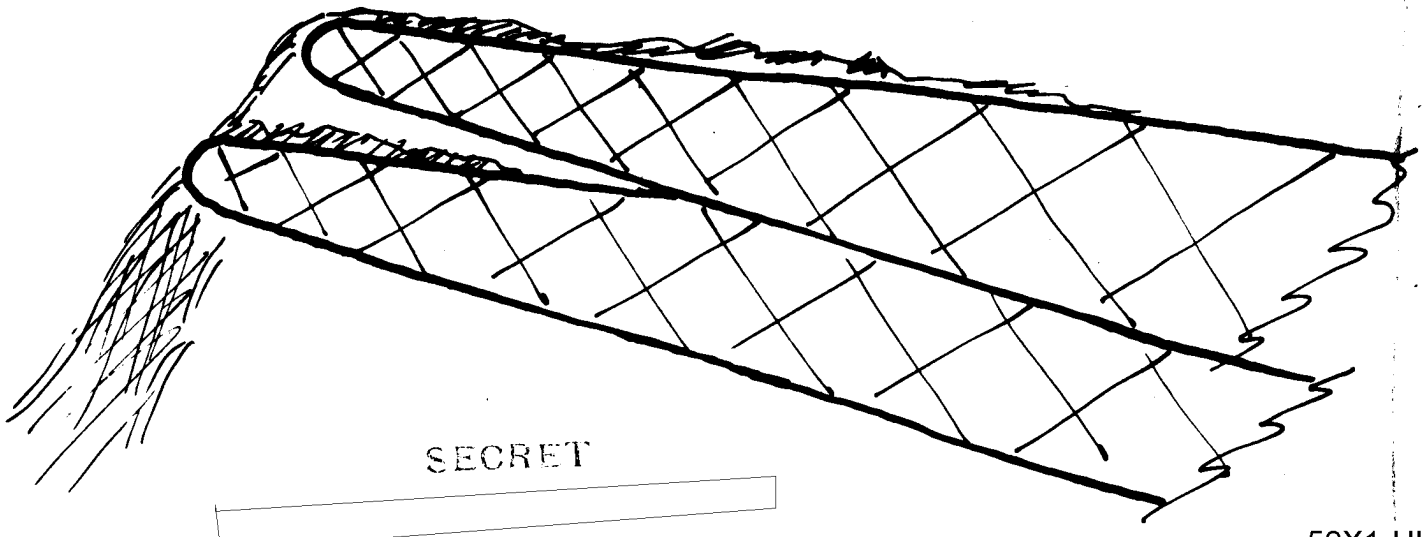
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